

**AREA CLOSURE for PUBLIC SAFETY**

**OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

1. **To go into or be upon any area closed for protection of public health or safety [36 CFR 261.53(e)].** For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be within National Forest System lands, roads, or trails in fire closure areas associated with Carlton Complex of fires near the South Summit Area on the Methow Valley Ranger Districts when posted as closed in:

This includes Forest Service lands in:

Township 33 North, Range 24 East, Section 30-31

Township 33 North, Range 23 East, Sections 1-4, 9-15, 17-35

Township 32 North, Range 23 East, Sections 1-36

Township 32 North, Range 22 East, Sections 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25

This closure is effective as of **the date signed below** and will remain in effect until terminated.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, including Washington State employees in performance of an official duty, and their authorized contractors.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or a member of any organized search and rescue, emergency services, or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any private land owner exercising an existing right to access their own private property which is otherwise within the closure area as described above.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Wenatchee, Washington this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2014.

/s/ Jason Kuiken for \_\_\_\_\_

Michael L. Balboni

Forest Supervisor

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 USC 551 And 18 USC 3559 and 3571)

### Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background. A wildfire in the area are a threat to public safety in the closure area.
2. Intent of Subpart B order. This order provides for public and agency personnel safety.
3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Staff with LE input	07/18/2014
Review proposed order	Law Enforcement	07/18/2014
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	07/18/2014
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff	07/18/2014
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District/Forest Staff	07/18/2014
Post Order at Methow Valley Ranger District and Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest Offices. Post closures at Roads and Trails leading into the closure area.	District Personnel, other District staff, County Deputies	07/18/2014

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

/s/ Jason Kuiken for

Michael L. Balboni

Forest Supervisor

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

7/21/14

Date